Remarks

Reconsideration and further examination of the present application is respectfully requested. The Office Action has rejected claims 1, 4 and 5; objected to claims 2-3 and 6-14 as being dependent upon a rejected based claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim; and allowed claims 15-22. Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 15-22. Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 12 without prejudice and amended claims 1 and 11.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of March 17, 2005. The Examiner clarified the claim rejections and objections with respect to the present application to include rejecting claim 11 and objecting to claim 12 as being dependent upon a rejected based claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim

The Examiner also indicated that Applicants may resubmit the reference "FSB™ Cell Overview, RNG120 FSB, VLSI Technology, Inc., Rev. 1.1" as prior art.

Prior Art Reference

Applicants respectfully re-submit the reference "FSB™ Cell Overview, RNG120 FSB, VLSI Technology, Inc., Rev. 1.1" and affirmatively admit it as prior art that should be considered.

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Claim Rejections 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walsh et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,480,072 (hereinafter "Walsh").

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of objected claim 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. As claims 2 and 4-10 are dependent upon claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of objected claim 12.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11 is now in condition for allowance. As claims 13-14 are dependent upon claim 11, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Invitation for a telephone interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 408-720-8300 if there remains any issue with allowance of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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